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PRICE SUPPORT SCHEME OPERATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether C&AG has submitted two inspection reports regarding price support scheme operations in respect of mustard and other seeds for the Rabi 2005 season;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the salient findings thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether C&AG also plans to conduct inspections of price support scheme in respect of mustard and other seeds for the previous two Rabi seasons including the current season; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.The C&AG conducted audit of mustard seed and other oilseeds & pulses procured during 2005-06 Rabi/Kharif seasons by NAFED as Central nodal agency under Price Support Scheme (PSS) and submitted its inspection reports on 31.10.2007 and 12.12.2007 respectively.The C&AG has pointed out several lapses like procurement in excess of norms for production, tampering of Girdawaries, procurement from persons non-resident of villages, no record of samples/moisture content, purchase of substandard stock, short recovery on processing,not following sale procedure in terms of security deposit or recovery of penal interest and wrong booking of expenses etc.The comments of NAFED on the audit observations are being examined.

(c)&(d): The office of C&AG has informed that the audit of 2006-07 and 2007-08 will be taken up during 2008-09 for which audit details have yet to be worked out.